

Comment Letter I12

Hingtgen, Robert J

From: Douglas Skains <dwska@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2014 12:08 PM
To: Hingtgen, Robert J
Subject: Re: Fwd: 2810 Ribbonwood Rd
Attachments: soitec-1.jpg

Mr Brown told me that the E.I.R is a county's document not Soitecs document. If the report says I will not have glare then I shouldn't have glare and if I do then we can deal with the glare after it's built. What the report does reflect is the fact that we will see the trackers and it cant be mitigated, we have to just live with it like it or not. I will send you a photo of a project that Soitec is building.

One thing the report did not consider is the fact that my property is on a hill and the glare will be seen from the highest point of my property.

Thank you

Wayne

From: "Hingtgen, Robert J" <Robert.Hingtgen@sdcounty.ca.gov>
To: Douglas Skains <dwska@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2014 11:04 AM
Subject: RE: Fwd: 2810 Ribbonwood Rd

Mr. Skains,
 I was copied on Mr. Brown's email dated January 13, 2014 and so that email is already part of the project record. I scanned that email and attached figures and placed it in the Administrative Record (which can be accessed at the following link - http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/ceqa/SOITEC_SOLAR_DEVELOPMENT_ADMINISTRATIVE_RECORDS.html) under a file named 2014-01-13-PatrickBrown-email-Fwd-2810-Ribbonwood-Rd.pdf. <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/ceqa/Soitec-Documents/Record-Documents/2014-01-13-PatrickBrown-email-Fwd-2810-Ribbonwood-Rd.pdf>

The email and attached figures indicate that your residence would be below the trajectory of glare from the nearest trackers. If you disagree with the email, I recommend you state any reasons you have for your disagreement and provide some evidence to support those reasons. If you haven't already done so, you may also want to review the analysis of glare in the EIR (Chapter 2.1.3.3 beginning on page 2.1-59) at http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/ceqa/Soitec-Documents/EIR-FILES/2.1_Aesthetics.pdf and make any comments as you see fit.

Thank you,

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Response to Comment Letter I12

Wayne Skains
January 31, 2014

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Issues raised in this comment related to aesthetics impacts are considered and addressed in the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (DPEIR). See Chapter 2.1. The County acknowledges that the Proposed Project will have certain significant and unavoidable impacts related to visual character and quality.

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The County of San Diego's (County's) *Guidelines for Determining Significance and Report Format and Content Requirements: Dark Skies and Glare* (County of San Diego 2009) requires consideration of potential daytime project-related glare that would be visible from roadways, pedestrian walkways, or areas frequently used for outdoor activities on adjacent properties. The commenter states that glare will be seen from the highest point of his property and the DPEIR did not consider this fact. Glare was analyzed in Chapter 2.1 of the DPEIR. Residences in the area surrounding the proposed solar farm sites were considered during preparation of the Boulevard Glare Study and according to Power Engineers, any residence not included in the study would not receive project-generated glare during normal operations; see common response AES1 for further details. No data was been provided by the commenter to support the

From: Douglas Skains [mailto:dwskins@sbglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2014 3:18 PM
To: Hingtgen, Robert J
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From: Patrick Brown <patrick.brown@soitec.com>
To: Wayne Skains <dwskins@sbglobal.net>
Cc: Megan Lawson <mlawson@dudek.com>; "Hingtgen, Robert J" <Robert.Hingtgen@sdcounty.ca.gov>; "Fogg, Mindy" <mindy.fogg@sdcounty.ca.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2014 1:35 PM
Subject: Fwd: 2810 Ribbonwood Rd

Mr. Skains,

Please see the graphics attached to this email. There is good and bad news. The good news is that you will not be effected by glare as the glare study indicates and from the email below from Power Engineers. The bad news is that I cannot hide the project from plane view from your residence, much like we discussed. The elevations show that you may see the trackers, but this does not take into account any intervening vegetation like trees. The project discloses significant and unmitigated visual impacts. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to assist you further.

FROM POWER ENG.

Regarding the 2810 Ribbonwood Road location; the location was omitted from the study because of distance to the project site in combination with the elevation of his home. From a quick Google Earth check it looks like his house is located roughly 40 feet above the elevation of the project and is about 2000 feet away. By following our lowest possible angle calculation, we can see that the glare trajectory is well above his house. The same would apply to the residence just east of his where the elevation of the residence is similar to the site.

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commenter's claim that glare would be received at the high point of his property.

References

County of San Diego. *Guidelines for Determining Significance and Report Format and Content Requirements: Dark Skies and Glare*. July 30, 2007; amended January 15, 2009. County of San Diego, Land Use and Environment Group, Department of Planning and Land Use, Department of Public Works. http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/docs/Dark_Skies_Guidelines.pdf.



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